ACRONYMS	
34 CFR 300	Code of Federal Regulations. The Federal rules and regulations governing special education procedures.
AAAE	American Association for Agricultural Education
AACTE	American Association of College of Teachers Education
AAHPERD	American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
ABATE	American Bikers Aiming Toward Education
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ACT	American College Testing
ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ADAAG	Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
ADC	Annual Data Collection
ADE	Advanced Driver Education
ADEP	Advanced Driver Education Program
ADTSEA	American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association
AES	Alternative Educational Setting. An appropriate placement outside the public school meeting the educational needs of a special education student subsequent to disciplinary action.
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AFS	American Field Service
AGATE	Association of Gifted and Talented Educators
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AISE	American Intercultural Student Exchange
AISES	American Indians in Science and Engineering Society

AMS	Ag in Montana Schools (agricultural literacy program for elementary students)
AMTE	Association of Math Teacher Educators
ANB	Average Number Belonging
AP	Advanced Placement
A/R	Authorized Representative at a School District
ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana. The rules and regulations governing Montana's statutes.
ASCD	Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development
ASPC	Area of Specialized Permissive Competency
ASSE	American-Scandinavian Student Exchange
ASSIST	Alliance of States Serving Indians in Science and Technology
ASSSDE	Association of State Supervisors of Safety and Driver Education
АТА	Alpha Tau Alpha (Professional Honorary Agricultural Education Fraternity)
ATODA	Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse
AWM	Association for Women in Math
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
AYUSA	Academic Year in the U.S.A.
B. A.	Bachelor's of Arts
BATE	Borderless Access to Training and Education
BEST	Better Elementary Science Teaching
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLAST Off	Building Leaders And Strong Teams of Officers (conducted in state for State Officers by National Staff)
BPAMA	Business Professionals of America, Montana Association
BPE	Board of Public Education
B. S.	Bachelor's of Science

САР	Corrective Action Plan. The strategy through which a state proposes to resolve the deficiencies identified as a result of a monitoring review.
CAPT	The Western Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies
CAT	California Achievement Test
СВО	Community Based Organization
CCD	Common Core of Data
ccsso	Council of Chief State School Officers
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDE	Career Development Events (competitive activities)
CDTP	Cooperative Driver Testing Program
CEC	Columbia Education Center
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIP	Child Health Insurance Plan
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs
CMAST	Consortium of Mathematics and Science Teaching
CNCS	Corporation for National and Community Service
CPAM	Council of Presidential Awardees in Mathematics
CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
CSPAC	Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CSR	Comprehensive School Reform
CSRDP	Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Project
CSRS	Child Safety Restraint Systems
CST	Child Study Team. The multidisciplinary evaluation process which determines the presence of a disability and identifies the special education and related services needs.
СТАА	Community Transportation Association of America

CTBS	Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills
CTSO	Career and Technical Student Organizations
DARTS	Discovering and applying Researched Teaching Strategies
DASH	Division of Adolescent and School Health
DE	Driver Education
DECAMA	Distributive Education Clubs of America, Montana Association
DLR	Desired Learner Results
DLS	District Leadership School (conducted in the fall by State Officers in all eight Mt FFA Districts)
DOE	Department of Energy
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DPHHS	Department of Public Health and Human Services
	Developmental Disabilities Division, now, after the 1995 reorganization called the Department of Public Health and Human Services/ Developmental Disabilities Program.
DSE	Division of Special Education within Montana's Office of Public Instruction.
ED	"Emotionally disturbed". A label referring to students with disabilities having emotional disturbance.
EDGAR	Education Department General Administration Regulations. Federal rules and regulation governing expenditure of education funds.
EDGE	Experiencing Discovery, Growth and Excellence (personal development for middle school students)

EFFS	Educational Foundation for Foreign Study
ЕНА	Education for All Handicapped Children Act, later shortened to Education of the Handicapped Act the names of the enabling special education legislation.
EI	Early Intervention. The spectrum of family- and child-focused services provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities.
EIL	Experiment in International Living
EMME	Elementary Montana Mathematics Education
EOE	Educational Opportunity Equity
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ETS	Educational Talent Search
EYH	Expanding Your Horizons
FAIM	Families Achieving Independence in Montana
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education. The provision of a special education and related services to a handicapped child, at no cost to the parent and with full procedural safeguards.
FCCLA	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
FCS	Family and Consumer Sciences
FCR	Final Closing Report
FDPIR	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
FFA	National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America)
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FMVSS	Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
FTE	Ful-time Equivalent
FYI	For Your Information
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GSD	Gamma Sigma Delta (The Honor Society of Agriculture)

GTB	Guaranteed Tax Base
GTCC	Golden Triangle Curriculum Cooperative
GVWR	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating
HEMT	Health Enhancement Master Teacher
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability ACT
HIV	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
НМНВ	Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies
HOST	Hands Overseas Together
IASA	Improving America's School Act
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council for Prevention
ICCW	Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Women
IDEA	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
IDEA'97	Individuals With Disabilities Act Amendments of 1997.
IEF	International Education Forum
IEP	Individualized Education Program. The document, which specifies the special education and related services a child needs and defines the placement in which those services will be provided.
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan. Early intervention service plan for infants and toddlers.
IISM	Indian Impact Schools of Montana
ILSSO	International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (study trip to Europe)
INTASC	Interstate New Teachers Assessment and Support Consortium
IPA	Implementation Plan Agreement, the plan for fulfilling the requirements of IDEA'97, similar to a CAP.
IRA	International Reading Council
IRIS	Internet Reporting and Information Service
ISEP	International Student Exchange Program
ISLLC	Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards

ITBS	Iowa Test of Basic Skills
ITIT	Information Technology Industrial Training
JUMP	Join Us for Measuring Progress
LAAP	Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership
LEA	Local Education Agency. The public school district in which the child, or in some cases, the child's parent lives.
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment. The placement option in which the child, "to the maximum extent appropriate" (as defined in the IEP), is educated with children who are not handicapped.
LRE	Law Related Education
M2SC	Montana Mathematics and Science Coalition
M. A.	Master's of Arts
MAA	Mathematics Association of America
MAAE	Montana Alliance for Arts Education
MAAS	Montana Alternate Assessment School
MABE	Montana Association of Bilingual Education
MAC	Montana Arts Council
MACIE	Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education
MACSS	Montana Association of County Superintendents of Schools
MACTE	Montana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
MAEA	Montana Art Education Association
MAEMSP	Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals
MAEFAIRS	Montana Automated Education Finance and Information Reporting System.
MAFCS	Montana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
MAFHA	Montana Association of Future Homemakers of America

MAGIE	Montana Agriculture Implement Exposition
MAGTE	Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education
MAHPER	Montana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
MAHPERD	Montana Association of Health, PE, Recreation & Dance
MALT	Montana Association of Language Teachers
MAP	Montana Advocacy Program
MAPA	Montana Association of Presidential Awardees
MAPT	Montana Association for Pupil Transportation
MARS	Mathematics Assessment Resource Service
MASBO	Montana Association of School Business Officials
MASCD	Montana Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development
MASP	Montana Association of School Psychologists
MASS	Montana Association of School Superintendents
MASSP	Montana Association of Secondary School Principals
MAT	Metropolitan Achievement Test
MATE	Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (held in Billings in Feb)
MATELA	Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts
MATF	Montana Association of Teachers of French
MATFCS	Montana Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences
MATG	Montana Association of Teachers of German
MAVICA	Montana Association of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America
МВСС	Montana Board of Crime Control
MBEA	Montana Business Education Association
MBI	Montana Behavioral Initiative
MCA	Montana Communities in Action

MCA	Montana Codes Annotated. The Montana statutes.
	Montana Code Annotated (MCA) - refers to Montana law
MCA	Montana Counseling Association
MCASE	Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education
MCEC	Montana Council of Exceptional Children
MCEL	Montana Conference on Educational Leadership
MCP	Montana Community Partners
MCSSW	Montana Council of School Social Workers
MCTM	Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics
MCTSS	Montana Council of Teachers for the Social Studies
MDC	Montana Developmental Center The facility for persons with
MEA	Montana Education Association
MEEA	Montana Environmental Education Association
METNET	Montana's Education Telecommunications Network
MFE	Made For Excellence (conducted in state by a National Staff)
MFEA	Montana Forensics Educators Association
MFT	Montana Federation of Teachers
MGA	Montana Geographic Alliance
MGGA	Montana Grain Growers Association
MHESAC	Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation
MHSA	Montana High School Association
MIEA	Montana Indian Education Association
MISTA	Montana Improving Schools Through Accreditation
MITEA	Montana Industrial Technology Education Association
MLA	Montana Library Association
MMASS	Montana Mathematics and Science Society
MMSAC	Montana Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee
MMSEP	Montana Motorcycle Safety Education Program
MNETC	Montana Nutrition Education and Training Coordinator
MontCAS	Montana Comprehensive Assessment System
MPEA	Montana Public Employee Association

MPTA	Montana Parent Teacher Association
MPTF	Montana Professional Teaching Foundation
MREA	Montana Rural Education Association
M. S.	Master's of Science
MSAC	Montana Science Advisory Council
MSBA	Montana School Boards Association
MSBCA	Montana School Bus Contractors Association
MSBDA	Montana School Bus Drivers Association
MSCA	Montana School Counselors Association
MSCA-CD	Montana Support to Civilian Authorities-Counterdrug Operations
MSDB	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind at Great Falls.
MSEAC	Montana Special Education Advisory Council
MSERM	Montana Special Education Reference Manual (1994) The abbreviation
	for contains state and federal statutes and regulations related to special
	education.
MSF	Motorcycle Sagety Foundation
MSFA	Montana Science Fair Association
MSFSA	Montana School Food Service Association
MSG	Montana Stockgrowers Association
MSI	Montana Science Institute
MSLC	Montana State Library Commission
MSLHA	Montana Speech, Language & Hearing Association
MSO	Montana Special Olympics
MSRC	Montana State Reading Council
MSSA	Montana Small Schools Alliance
MST	Montana Spanish Teachers
MSTA	Montana Science Teachers Association

Mt. L&R	Montana Laws and Rules. Replaced by MSERM in 1994, this document contains older, outdated regulations and policy.
MTEA	Montana Traffic Education Association
MTF	Montana Tobacco-Free Coalition
MTY	Montana Teacher of the Year
MUS	Montana University System
MUST	Montana Unified School Trust
MVA	Montana Vocational Association
MVATA	Montana Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association
MWIEA	Montana Wyoming Indian Education Association
NAAE	National Association of Agricultural Educators
NABT	National Association of Biology Teachers
NACCP	National Association of Child Care Professionals
NACTA	National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NAIS	National Association of Independent Schools
NAGB	National Assessment Governing Board
NAGC	National Association for Gifted Children
NAPT	National Association for Pupil Transportation
NASAE	National Association Supervisors of Agricultural Education
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASC	The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
NASDPTS	National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services
NASDTEC	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
NASDVTE	National Association of State Directors of Vocational Technical Education Consortium

NASDVTEc	National Association of State Directors of Vocational Technical Education Consortium
NASSP	National Association of Secondary School Principals
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NCCA	National Child Care Association
NCE	Normal Curve Equivalent
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics
NCSEE	National Coalition for Sex Equity in Education
NCTM	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
NEA	National Education Association
NETC	Northwest Educational Technology Consortium http://www.nte.org
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NILE	Northern International Livestock Exposition (held in Billings in Oct)
NLCSO	National Leadership Conference for State Officers (conducted in WY for MT, ND & WY by National Officers)
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSELA	National Science Education Leadership Association
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSSP	National Science Scholars Program
NSTA	National Science Teachers Association
NWREL	Northwest Regional Educational Lab
NYSCHP	National Youth Science Camp Honors Program
OCHE	Office of Commissioner of Higher Education
OERI	(federal) Office of Education Research and Information
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy

OPI	Office of Public Instruction
OPI or MOPI	Montana Office of Public Instruction, although OSEP refers to us more formally, as MOPI.
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs within the OSERS
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services of the DOE.
ОТТ	Omicron Tau Theta (National Honorary Professional Graduate Society in Vocational Education)
OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education
PAESMT	(PAW) Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching
PALS	Partners in Active Learning Support (local members working with elementary students)
PAMSA	Presidential Awards for Math and Science Association
Part B	Part B of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act or Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. The federal rules, regulation, and mechanisms for the providing special education.
Part H now Part C	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. In addition to re-authorizing programs for school-age children, PL 99-457 created this program for younger children.
PDK	Phi Delta Kappa (Professional Fraternity in Education)
PEPPS	Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards and Procedures
PERD	Public Employee's Retirement Division
PIEE	Program of International Educational Exchange
PIR	Pupil-instruction Related
PL 101-476	The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

PL 105-17	The Individuals With Disabilities Amendments of 1997 (IDEA'97).
PL 94-142	Respectively, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and the (see below)
PL 99-457	1986 Amendments to that Act. These laws form the bedrock of special education, as we know it.
PLUK	Parents Let's Unite for Kids
PME	Psychology of Mathematics Education
POA	Program of Activities
PSATT	Partnerships for Student Achievement Through Technology
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
QED	Quality Education Data
QLC	Quality Life Concepts
ROTARY	Rotary International Exchange Program
SAE	Supervised Agricultural Experience
SAM	School Administrators of Montana
SAT	Stanford Achievement Test
SBRR	Scientifically Based Reading Research
SDFSC	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
SEA	State Education Agency. In Montana MOPI is the SEA.
Section 504	That portion of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
Section 619	The section of the IDEA statute authorizing nationwide special education for preschool-age children with disabilities.
SFA	School Food Authority
SEGBAC	State Employee Group Benefits Advisory Council
SHEP	School Health Education Profile

SIG-RME	Special Interest Group-Research in Mathematics Education
SIMMS	Systemic Initiative in Montana Mathematics and Science
SIP	School Improvement Plan
Skills USA	VICA
SMCNWS	Science and Mathematics Consortium for Northwest Schools
SOP	State operated program. Any facility operated by a state agency that provides special education.
SPC	State Presidents Conference (conducted in Washington, DC by National Officers for State Pres. & State 1st Vice Pres.)
SpEd	Special Education.
SRS/DDD	Montana's Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services/now Development Disabilities Division, now, after the 1995 reorganization called the Department of Public Health and Human Services/ Developmental Disabilities Program
SSDHPER	Society of State Directors of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
STEP	Systemic Teacher Excellence Program
STW	School to Work
SUSAVICA	Skills USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America
TAGLIT	Taking a Good Look at Instructional Technology
TALES	Technology and Learning in Every School
TAP	Test of Achievement and Proficiency
TASK	Test of Academic Skills
TDD	Telephone Devise for Deaf

TE	Traffic Education
TEAM	Technology Education Association of Montana
TESA	Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement
TESA	Technical Expert Status Accreditation
TIMSS	Third International Mathematics and Science Study
TP	Tech Prep
TPD	Teacher's Placement Division
TSA	Technology Student Association
UFAS	Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.
UI	Unemployment Insurance
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDE	U.S. Department of Education
USDOL	United States Department Of Labor
VICA	Vocational Industrial Clubs of America
VISTA	Volunteers in Service to America
VOICE	Voices of Indian Communities for Education
VSAM	Very Special Arts Montana
WAC	Writing Across the Curriculum
WE	World Experience
WEA	World Experience in Agriculture
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIFE	Women Involved in Farm Economics
WLC	Washington Leadership Conference (open to all members, conducted in Washington, DC by National Staff)
YA	Yellowstone Academy Education Center. Formerly known as the Yellowstone Education Center and the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, YA is a private residential facility for children with emotional disabilities located near Billings.
YFU	Youth For Understanding

YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association